(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet this threat;

(e) whether Indian Government propose to take up this matter with China; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f): Government have seen media reports about the reported deployment of Chinese missiles against India and Russia. Government of India is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard its security and national interest in accordance with its own threat perceptions.

Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

2342. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the different Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, Upliftment of Women, Poverty Alleviation Scheme and Rehabilitation of Terrorists who have surrendered arms are under implementation in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement the above schemes more effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) to (c): Yes Sir. For providing employment opportunities and eradication of poverty, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir is implementing the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM) and Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) are two important sub schemes of Integrated Rural Development Programme. Against the allocation of Rs. 3700.18 lakh for the 8th Five Year Plan, the anticipated expenditure is Rs. 2861.86 lakh and 52947 Families were assisted under the scheme. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme are the other schemes for generation of Wage Employment and on them against the allocation of Rs. 29954.55 lakh during the 8th Plan, the anticipated expenditure is Rs. 22617.10 lakh and a total Employment of 490.19 lakh Mandays were generated.

There is no centrally sponsored scheme for rehabilitation of terrorists.

[Translation]

Eye Disease

2343. SHRI CHHATAR SINGH DARBAR :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a heavy increase in the eye related diseases in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any survey in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. In 1986 a national vide survey was conducted on prevalence of blindness in the country.

(d) The prevalence of blindness was estimated to be 1.49%.

[English]

Training Institutes in North Eastern States

2344. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the schemes launched to provide training to the labourers of the unorganised sector in the North-Eastern States;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up training institutes in the North-Eastern States, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the table of the House.

Provident Fund Office

2345. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :